JOINT STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SPACE EXPLORATION BY THE

UNITED STATES NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND THE

UNITED KINGDOM BRITISH NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

The United States and the United Kingdom have a long history of successful cooperation in space and aeronautics activities. In the spirit of continued collaboration, the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the United Kingdom's British National Space Centre (BNSC) desire to continue technical discussions on potential cooperative lunar exploration activities.

The United States and United Kingdom have technical capabilities and expertise in: spacebased remote sensing; satellite communication and navigation systems; planetary exploration; rovers; small satellites; and related technologies. Because cooperation involving these unique capabilities may be extremely valuable for future lunar exploration, NASA and representatives of the BNSC recently held several exploratory discussions on potential lunar collaboration. BNSC, which is responsible for coordinating civil space activities in the United Kingdom, has also contributed valuable input to the NASA-led, multi-national Global Exploration Strategy effort.

NASA and BNSC confirm their mutual desire for detailed discussions on specific areas of potential collaboration involving lunar science and exploration. These cooperative efforts may range from the exchange of information related to research and development to actual hardware contributions for particular missions. They will be studied in greater detail by a technical team representing NASA and appropriate British technical organizations designated by BNSC. The composition, schedule, and scope of this technical team will jointly be determined as soon as possible. Any joint activities to be carried out as a result of these technical discussions will be documented by appropriate international agreements.

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